

Today I am wearing a button that the Children's Defense Fund has been handing out to draw attention to the plight of child abuse in our country, and also in commemoration of the resolution here today. It says, "Pick on someone your own size." I think that pretty well says it all.

In conclusion, I just want to end with a prayer that Marion Wright Edelman has at the conclusion of her book:

"O God, forgive our rich nation where small babies die of cold quite legally.

O God forgive our rich nation, where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation where toddlers and schoolchildren die from guns sold quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich Nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation that thinks security relatives in missiles rather than in mothers, and in bombs rather than in babies.

O God, forgive our rich nation for not giving You sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread.

O God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight."

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 76, and I commend Congressman SALMON for introducing it. Every year, over 3 million children are reported to be abused in America. Unfortunately, it is estimated that the actual incidence of abuse and neglect may be 3 times greater than the number reported. In fact, we know that more than 3 children die each day as a result of parental mistreatment. Child abuse may take many forms: it can be physical, emotional, sexual or as a result of neglect. I know, because I've been there. Many of you know that I personally experienced the horrors of domestic violence in my youth. Fortunately for me, my mother, and my siblings, we were able to escape that horrible situation and make a better life for ourselves.

Sadly, for millions of children in America that is just not the case. That is why H. Con. Res. 76 is so important. H. Con. Res. 76 expresses the sense of this Congress that all Americans must share in the responsibility of helping fight child abuse. More than that, it emphasizes the need for the faith community, non-profit organizations and volunteers across America to mobilize their resources in combating child abuse. Organizations, such as the Safe Haven Foundation in Indianapolis, are key in developing programs and providing shelters to the victims of domestic violence. That is why I am proud to have helped secure \$500,000 in funds to the Safe Haven Foundation, so that it may continue its important efforts against domestic violence.

Child abusers can come from any socioeconomic, religious, or ethnic background, and since the signs of abuse are varied, we all need to work together in identifying cases of

child abuse. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder against child abuse, we can help save the lives of those most vulnerable: our Nation's children.

We need to re-commit ourselves to protecting our children, and this resolution does just that. Let's keep these children in our thoughts and prayers, and let's all give H. Con. Res. 76 our strong support.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SALMON. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SALMON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 76.

The question was taken.

Mr. SALMON. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SALMON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 76.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:15 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:15 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Mexico-United States Inter-parliamentary Group:

Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, chairman.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. BIGGERT. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which the motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 247, by the yeas and nays; and

House Concurrent Resolution 76, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

NATIONAL DONOR DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 247.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 247, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 0, not voting 55, as follows:

[Roll No. 16]

YEAS—379

Abercrombie	Brady (TX)	DeLauro
Ackerman	Bryant	DeLay
Aderholt	Burr	DeMint
Allen	Burton	Deutsch
Andrews	Buyer	Dickey
Archer	Calvert	Dicks
Armey	Camp	Dingell
Baca	Canady	Dixon
Bachus	Cannon	Doggett
Baker	Capuano	Dooley
Baldacci	Cardin	Doolittle
Baldwin	Castle	Doyle
Ballenger	Chabot	Dreier
Barcia	Chambless	Duncan
Barr	Chenoweth-Hage	Dunn
Barrett (NE)	Clayton	Ehlers
Barrett (WI)	Clement	Engel
Bartlett	Clyburn	English
Barton	Coble	Eshoo
Bass	Collins	Etheridge
Bateman	Combest	Everett
Becerra	Condit	Ewing
Bentsen	Conyers	Farr
Bereuter	Cook	Fattah
Berkley	Cooksey	Filner
Berman	Costello	Fletcher
Berry	Cox	Foley
Biggert	Coyne	Forbes
Bilbray	Cramer	Ford
Bilirakis	Crane	Fossella
Bishop	Crowley	Fowler
Bliley	Cubin	Frank (MA)
Blumenauer	Cummings	Franks (NJ)
Blunt	Cunningham	Frelinghuysen
Boehlert	Danner	Ganske
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Gejdenson
Bono	Davis (IL)	Gekas
Borski	Davis (VA)	Gephardt
Boswell	Deal	Gilchrest
Boucher	DeGette	Gillmor
Boyd	Delahunt	Gilman